

Congratulations! Your Community Now Qualifies for Lower Cost Flood Insurance!

Effective May 12, 2014, a large portion of property within the South Sacramento Streams Group will be remapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new floodplain designation will remove a large area from the Special Flood Hazard Area and will allow residents and businesses to be eligible for lower-cost **Preferred Risk Flood Insurance (PRPs)**.

A product of the National Flood Insurance Program, PRPs are available to most Sacramento property owners who have been released from the Federal flood insurance requirement.

Lower-Cost. Preferred Risk Policies offer you the same protection as Standard flood insurance at about a half of the cost.

Same Agent. In most cases, the same agent who writes your auto or homeowners insurance can also write a PRP.

More Protection. PRPs include “Contents” coverage—flood insurance protection for your belongings—in their already low premium.

Peace of Mind. Improvements to regional flood controls have reduced but not eliminated the flood risk to our community. Severe storms can damage Sacramento’s system of levees, causing potentially catastrophic flooding. PRPs give you the peace of mind that you’ve done your best to prepare for the worst.

Save money and keep your flood insurance protection with a Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) today!

	Annual Premium Single Family Home
Standard X/A99 Flood Insurance Rate¹	\$1179 ² \$1767 ³
Most Sacramento Homes are Eligible for a Preferred Risk Policy (PRP)	\$414 ⁴

¹Based on rates effective October 1, 2013.

²Includes \$250,000 coverage for structure with a \$1,000 deductible and City of Sacramento Community Rating System (CRS) Discount. Contents coverage is extra and not mandatory.

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⁴Includes \$250,000 coverage for structure and \$100,000 coverage for contents with a \$1,000 deductible.

How to Get A PRP

1. The City of Sacramento has attached a copy of FEMA’s Letter of Map Revision Determination Document.
2. After May 12, 2014, contact your flood insurance agent and ask to convert your flood insurance policy to a PRP and provide your agent with a copy of the letter received for your property. If you have issues converting the policy, you can contact the City.

OUR RISK. OUR CHOICE.

Flood insurance is now, or will soon be, a choice rather than a requirement for most property owners along Unionhouse and Morrison Creeks. Improvements to the levees along Morrison, Elder, Florin, and Unionhouse Creeks have reduced, but not eliminated the flood risk to our community. Because of these improvements, approximately 3,500 Sacramento properties have been removed from the Federal flood insurance requirement—but not from harm's way. No levees, including ours, can offer complete protection against flooding.

FLOOD CONTROL OFFICIALS URGE FLOOD INSURANCE PROTECTION.

Levees are built to provide a specific level of flood protection. But severe weather can cause levees to fail. The flooding that follows can financially ruin homeowners and business owners who do not carry flood insurance. Flood control officials estimate a flood disaster could cause more than \$11 billion in damage to property in our region, including \$9.2 billion in damage to homes. Because of our flood risk, the City of Sacramento urges all Sacramento property owners who live behind levees to carry flood insurance protection.

SOUTH AREA WILL SOON QUALIFY for FLOOD INSURANCE SAVINGS.

Effective May 12, 2014, approximately 3,500 South Sacramento property owners will be released from the Federal flood insurance requirement. These property owners will have three flood insurance options:

- **CONVERT to a Low-Cost Preferred Risk Policy.** Preferred Risk Policies (PRPs) give property owners the same level of flood insurance protection that they receive with a Standard X/A99 policy for about a fourth of the price. A product of the National Flood Insurance Program, PRPs are only available for properties that have been released from the Federal flood insurance requirement. More than 40,000 Sacramento property owners already take advantage of Preferred Risk flood insurance savings and protection. You must apply with your insurance agent to obtain a Preferred Risk Policy.
- **KEEP Your Standard Flood Insurance.** Property owners who do not convert to a PRP will continue to benefit from flood insurance protection, but will continue to pay the higher Standard rate.
- **CANCEL and Take Your Chances.** Property owners who obtain their lender's written permission will be able to cancel their flood insurance. In the short term, cancellation will save property owners money. But in the long term, it could cost them dearly.

KNOW YOUR RISK.

For the first time in nearly 30 years, South Sacramento property owners will choose for themselves whether to carry flood insurance. With so much at stake, the City of Sacramento urges property owners to learn the facts before making this important decision.

Sacramento Is a Community At-Risk. Sacramento continues to face one of the highest levels of flood risk of any major U.S. City. The source of this risk is the potential failure of a Sacramento-area levee from a large storm event.

Homeowners Insurance Does NOT Typically Cover Damage Caused by Flooding. For most people, flood insurance is the only way to protect against flood loss.

Flood Insurance Is the Best Way to Protect Against the Devastating Financial Damage of a Flood Disaster. If a major flood occurs, Federal assistance usually takes the form of a low-interest loan that property owners must repay in addition to their existing mortgage.